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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: EX PARTE Application by Verizon New England Inc., et al., for Authorization to
Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Massachusetts – CC Docket No. 00-176**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached is a copy of a tariff filing made today by Verizon – Massachusetts with the
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. Also attached is a one page
table reflecting the impact of that filing.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules regarding ex parte communications, please
include a copy of this notification in the public record of the above-captioned proceeding. Please
call the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gordon R. Evans

Attachments

cc: D. Attwood
J. Jackson
M. Carey

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Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Fl. 2
Boston, MA 02110

ATTENTION: Senior Rate Analyst

We are hereby filing as of October 13, 2000, for effect November 12, 2000, tariff material consisting of the following:

(DTE--MA--No. 17)

<u>Part</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Revision of Page(s)</u>
Part M	2	4, 7, 12, 13 and 14

Verizon MA proposes in this filing to reduce substantially the Department-approved rates for analog line ports and local switching and transport usage rates. The current rates were set by the Department using the FCC's TELRIC methods and meet the pricing standard in Section 252(d) of the Telecommunications Act. Verizon MA is, however, proposing these reductions to eliminate pricing issues particularly regarding local switching in its Section 271 application now pending before the FCC. The effect of this filing is to make the Massachusetts rates equivalent to the rates for Verizon NY, which the FCC previously approved in the New York 271 proceeding.

Since the filing provides for only rate reductions and prejudices no carrier, Verizon MA requests that the Department approve this filing immediately and permit Verizon MA to implement the changes in less than the 30 day statutory notice period.

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Attached are the necessary copies of the tariff pages, as well as a rate comparison of the present and proposed charges. Please return the copy with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

President - Massachusetts

		DTE Approved Rates	Verizon Proposed Rates
Billing Element	Density/Time of Day		
Local Switching - Peak	Metro	\$0.004647	\$0.004647
	Urban	\$0.007401	\$0.004724
	Suburban	\$0.009549	\$0.004724
	Rural	\$0.014277	\$0.004724
Local Switching - Off-Peak	Metro	\$0.001872	\$0.001872
	Urban	\$0.003516	\$0.001872
	Suburban	\$0.005282	\$0.001872
	Rural	\$0.008186	\$0.001872
Unbundled Shared Trunk Port - Peak	Metro	\$0.001703	\$0.000866
	Urban	\$0.001820	\$0.000866
	Suburban	\$0.002090	\$0.000866
	Rural	\$0.002093	\$0.000866
Unbundled Shared Trunk Port - Off-Peak	Metro	\$0.000379	\$0.000189
	Urban	\$0.000404	\$0.000189
	Suburban	\$0.000464	\$0.000189
	Rural	\$0.000465	\$0.000189
Tandem Switching	Peak	\$0.001586	\$0.001190
	Off-Peak	\$0.001134	\$0.000851
Tandem Trunk Port	Peak	\$0.003528	\$0.002646
	Off-Peak	\$0.000784	\$0.000588
Unbundled Tandem Transport	Peak	\$0.001780	\$0.001335
	Off-Peak	\$0.000400	\$0.000300
Tandem Transit Switching	Peak	\$0.008642	\$0.006482
	Off-Peak	\$0.002702	\$0.002027
Unbundled Local Common Transport	Peak	\$0.003745	\$0.002201
	Off-Peak	\$0.000836	\$0.000489
Unbundled Toll Common Tandem Transport	Peak	\$0.005829	\$0.003764
	Off-Peak	\$0.001457	\$0.000954
Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation - Peak	Metro	\$0.006350	\$0.005924
	Urban	\$0.009221	\$0.005477
	Suburban	\$0.011639	\$0.005477
	Rural	\$0.016370	\$0.005477
Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation - Off-Peak	Metro	\$0.002251	\$0.002156
	Urban	\$0.003920	\$0.002323
	Suburban	\$0.005746	\$0.002323
	Rural	\$0.008651	\$0.002323
Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation - Peak	Metro	\$0.016772	\$0.013741
	Urban	\$0.019643	\$0.013294
	Suburban	\$0.022061	\$0.013294
	Rural	\$0.026792	\$0.013294
Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation - Off-Peak	Metro	\$0.005353	\$0.004483
	Urban	\$0.007022	\$0.004650
	Suburban	\$0.008848	\$0.004650
	Rural	\$0.011753	\$0.004650

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2.4 Tandem Switching

2.4.1 Dedicated Tandem Trunk Ports				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Dedicated Tandem Trunk Ports	Monthly - Per port	297.00	U4T
	TOPS Trunk Ports	Monthly - Per port	313.85	UOS

2.4.2 Shared Tandem Trunk Ports				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Shared Tandem Trunk Ports	Peak - Per minute of use	.002646	(C)
		Off Peak - Per minute of use	.000588	(C)

2.4.3 Tandem Usage				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Tandem Switch Usage	Peak - Per minute of use	.001190	(C)
		Off Peak - Per minute of use	.000851	(C)

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2.6 Local Switching

2.6.1 Line Ports				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Line Ports	Analog - Metro - Monthly - Per port	2.00	(C)
		Analog - Urban - Monthly - Per port	2.00	
		Analog - Suburban - Monthly - Per port	2.00	
		Analog - Rural - Monthly - Per port	2.00	(C)
		Basic Rate ISDN - Metro - Monthly - Per port	48.54	
		Basic Rate ISDN - Urban - Monthly - Per port	31.13	
		Basic Rate ISDN - Suburban - Monthly - Per port	34.94	
		Basic Rate ISDN - Rural - Monthly - Per port	26.88	
		Primary Rate ISDN - Metro - Monthly - Per port	609.58	
		Primary Rate ISDN - Urban - Monthly - Per port	471.64	
		Primary Rate ISDN - Suburban - Monthly - Per port	583.35	
		Primary Rate ISDN - Rural - Monthly - Per port	583.35	
		Integrated Digital Loop Carrier Port - Metro - Monthly - Per interface group (4 DS1 ports)	371.16	
		Integrated Digital Loop Carrier Port - Urban - Monthly - Per interface group (4 DS1 ports)	481.08	
		Integrated Digital Loop Carrier Port - Suburban - Monthly - Per interface group (4 DS1 ports)	438.24	
		Integrated Digital Loop Carrier Port - Rural - Monthly - Per interface group (4 DS1 ports)	767.24	

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2.6.2 Trunk Ports				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unbundled Shared Trunk Port	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.000866	(C)
		Metro-Off Peak - Per MOU	.000189	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.000866	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000189	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.000866	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000189	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.000866	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000189	(C)

2.6.3 Usage				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unbundled Local Switching	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.004647	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.001872	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.004724	(C)
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.001872	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.004724	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.001872	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.004724	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.001872	
	Unbundled Tandem Transport	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.001335	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000300	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.001335	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000300	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.001335	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000300	(C)

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2.6.3 Usage				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unbundled Tandem Transport	Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.001335	(C)
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000300	
	Unbundled Local Common Transport	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.002201	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000489	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.002201	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000489	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.002201	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000489	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.002201	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000489	
	Unbundled Toll Common Tandem Transport	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.003764	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000954	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.003764	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000954	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.003764	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000954	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.003764	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.000954	
	Tandem Transit Switching	Peak - Per MOU	.006482	
		Off Peak - Per MOU	.002027	
	Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.005924	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.002156	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.005477	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.002323	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.005477	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.002323	(C)

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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation	Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.005477	(C)
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.002323	
	Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.013741	(C)
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.004483	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.013294	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.004650	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.013294	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.004650	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.013294	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.004650	

TABLE

(Statewide Average Rates per MOU)	New York	Massachusetts
Weighted Average Local Switching (LS) (with Customer Usage Detail)	\$ 0.003512	\$ 0.003837
Transport	\$ 0.001572	\$ 0.001383
Line Port	\$ 0.001718	\$ 0.001582
Total Switch Related Rates	\$ 0.006802	\$ 0.006802